

Troika Wrap-around Shawl

A wonderfully simple and fun shawl that is shaped like a giant butterfly. Knit in a “3-ball” garter stitch technique from the top-down, this is a great pattern for using a mix of novelty and “stash” yarns. Shaping is done with simple yarn overs, and creates the traditional Faroese-style shawl with center back panel, side front panels, and shaped shoulders. The elongated front panels allow you to wear this shawl in lots of ways, including tied around the back.

Sizing

Shawl gets wider the longer you make it. See schematic for example dimensions based on a length of 34”.

Yarn and Needles

For shawl in 34” length, you will need approximately 600 yards of each of three different yarns (or combination of yarns) in sport to worsted-weight. I like a combination of textures, such as

- a smooth yarn or ribbon (yarn A)
- a fuzzy yarn, such as brushed mohair (yarn B)
- a “glitzy” novelty yarn (yarn C)

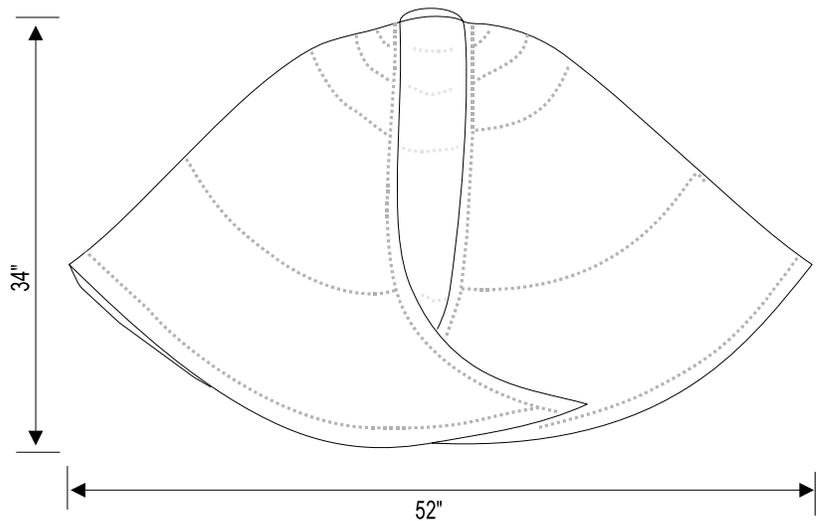
Choose any harmonizing colors to your liking. Each of the three yarns will be knit for one row each in garter stitch, then repeated, thus giving you lots of color and textural interaction.

Size 10 and 10½ circular needles in 29” - 32” lengths, or size to produce a supple fabric in garter stitch in your chosen yarns (note: a circular needle is used to comfortably hold the number of stitches needed; this garment is NOT knit in the round)

GAUGE: Gauge is not terribly important, as you will be knitting to measurements. As a guideline, I plan for about 3½ stitches per inch in garter stitch.

Skill Level: Easy enough for a beginner with basic knitting skills

Arrangement and approximate dimensions for blocking shawl



Caution: Yarn requirements are based on the planned dimensions and gauge stated in this pattern. You may need additional yarns in same dye lot if you are adjusting these instructions.

Abbreviations

garter stitch - knit every row
k - knit
k2tog - knit 2 stitches together
mkr(s) - marker(s)
rep from *s - repeat all instructions from the previous asterick
RS - right side (the side of the knitted fabric worn to the outside)
sl - slip
st(s) - stitch(es)

WS - wrong side (the side of the knitted fabric worn to the inside)
yo - yarn over

Note: Instructions are written assuming you are knitting stitches off your left-hand needle point onto your right-hand needle point. If you are working instead from right to left, please adjust accordingly when instructions refer to the left or right needle.